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Dock Strike

THE London dock strike situation has reached a stage of crisis where any further deterioration will threaten the country with complete chaos. There is no apparent solution to the deadlock which becomes more firmly fixed every day as the unions receive increasing support from their branches and allied unions in other parts of the country. All responsible appeals to the men to return to work have been ignored. The Government's attempts at intervention—by direct negotiations with the unions—have failed. The employers are adamant: no return to work until employers agree to negotiate on the points at issue (among them whether overtime should be compulsory). The employers are equally emphatic: no discussion until employees return to work. The Government has set up a Court of Inquiry, an essential step but, in effect, useless; essential because convention and custom decrees it but useless because its findings cannot be enforced and are hardly likely to be accepted by both sides, anyway. If the employers come off best in the investigation, the unions are almost certain to reject the findings; contrariwise, if the union stand is defended, the employers will find fault. Besides, the establishment of the court does nothing towards solving the basic and immediate problem—that of getting the men back to work as soon as possible. Now, 4,600 tug and barge workers have decided to walk out in support of the dock labourers. This will cut off essential supplies of coal and fuel oil to London and will mean that barges cannot be removed to the dumping area off the Thames Estuary.

NOT only is this new threat likely to bring London to a complete standstill but the strike of the dockworkers has seriously jeopardised the country's export drive. About one-third of Britain's sea-borne trade is affected. The most pertinent question at the moment is will the Government use troops to restore order to the dockland and to ensure that London gets all necessary fuel supplies. It is not a desirable course to take. The unions are bound to describe it as a strike-breaking measure and a blatant discrimination against them—which may tend to give the strike a political character. Communists are blamed for creating unrest. Certainly they may be actively agitating but at the base of the dispute there is a fundamental grievance involved. If the essential services of London are threatened with a breakdown, however, Government will have no alternative but to employ troops. And if the strike continues much longer, Government will seriously have to consider using troops to man the docks as well. The country cannot be held to ransom by the stubborn refusal of both sides to come to terms. Serious competition in the export field has already reduced Britain's earning capacity, largely because delivery dates quoted by its industries to overseas customers are less attractive than those of its rivals. The strike can only aggravate this position and unless the dock machinery is restored, the nation's reputation will suffer a severe blow which may cause serious damage to the future of the British economy. This is the situation facing the Cabinet when it meets this week to decide how the strike will be broken.

Key Post For MacMillan: More Young Blood In The Government

London, Oct. 18.

The Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, today carried out an important reshuffle of his Cabinet in which Mr Harold MacMillan, 60, becomes the new Minister of Defence, in succession to Viscount Alexander.

In a Ministerial switch involving 24 names, the Prime Minister appointed Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, 53, now Home Secretary, to the £12,000 post of Lord Chancellor, Chief Law Officer in place of Lord Simonds, 72, who has resigned.

Major Gwilym Lloyd George, now Minister of Food, succeeds Sir David Maxwell Fyfe as Home Secretary and Minister for Welsh Affairs. Mr MacMillan is succeeded at the Ministry of Housing and Local Government by Mr Duncan Sandys, 46-year-old son-in-law of Sir Winston Churchill.

Sir David Eccles, Minister of Works, becomes Minister of Education in place of Miss Florence Horsburgh, who has resigned.

Mr Derrick Heathcote Amery, Minister of Agriculture, is the new Minister of Food.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, is now attending the United Nations in New York—is the new Minister of Supply in succession to Mr Sandys.

Mr Lloyd will be replaced as Minister of State by Mr Anthony Nutting, joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary, who is now in Cairo for negotiations on the Anglo-Egyptian agreement.

NEW WORKS MINISTER

Mr Nigel Birch, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Defence, is the new Minister of Works.

MAXWELL FYFE MADE VISCOUNT

It was announced also that Mr Osbert Peake, Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, will be a member of the Cabinet—emphasising the Government's preoccupation with the problem of pensions for the aged and war disabled.

Mr. Heathcote Amery will resign his post of Minister of Food with his present role of Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. The Food Ministry, now that rationing has been abolished, is a dwindling responsibility, no longer requiring the full time attention of a separate Ministry.

Lord Munster, as Minister without portfolio, will assist Lord Salisbury in dealing with Government business in the House of Lords.

The official announcement, which said that the Queen had approved the appointments, stated also that she had appointed Lord Fairhurst of Cameron, a Lord-in-Waiting, a largely honorary post attached to the Royal Court, with nominal duties.

It carries a salary of £1,000.

MISS HORSBURGH
HONORED

She had also approved that Lord Simonds be appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, in succession to Lord Porter, who has resigned.

The notice said the Queen had conferred the Viscountcy on Lord Simonds and on Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.

She approved the appointment of the Earl of Munster, Member of the Privy Council, as

ment by his appointment to be Home Secretary and Minister for Welsh Affairs.

Sir David Eccles who achieves Cabinet rank at the age of 50 played an outstanding part in the organisation of the coronation.

The appointment of Mr Duncan Sandys to be the Minister of Housing at the age of 46, makes him the second youngest member of the Cabinet. The youngest is Mr Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade.

The size of the Cabinet with 18 ministers remains unchanged. The new appointments reduce the average age of the members of the Cabinet by about two and a half years.

The New British Cabinet

London, Oct. 18. The new British Cabinet, as reshuffled by Sir Winston Churchill last night is:

The Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury—Sir Winston Churchill, aged 79; Foreign Secretary—Mr. Anthony Eden, 57; Lord President of the Council—The Marquess of Salisbury, 61;

Lord Chancellor—Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Home Secretary and Minister for Welsh Affairs—Major Gwilym Lloyd George, 53;

Chancellor of the Exchequer—Mr. E. A. Heath, 51;

Lord Privy Seal—Mr. P. J. Haslam, 51;

Minister of Defense—Mr. Harold MacMillan, 60;

Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Engineers—Mr. Alan H. H. Wilson, 55;

Secretary of State for India—Viscount Alexander, 72;

Secretary of State for Malaya—Sir Alan H. H. Wilson, 55;

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland—Sir Edward Heath, 51;

Secretary of State for Scotland—Sir Alan H. H. Wilson, 55;

Secretary of State for Wales—Sir Alan H. H. Wilson, 55;

Secretary of State for War—Sir Alan H. H. Wilson, 55;

Secretary of State for Home—Sir Alan H. H. Wilson, 55;

Secretary of State for Education—Sir Alan H. H. Wilson, 55;

Secretary of State for Works—Sir Alan H. H. Wilson, 55;

Secretary of State for Transport—Sir Alan H. H. Wilson, 55;

Secretary of State for Pensions—Sir Alan H. H. Wilson, 55;

Secretary of State for National Health—Sir Alan H. H. Wilson, 55;

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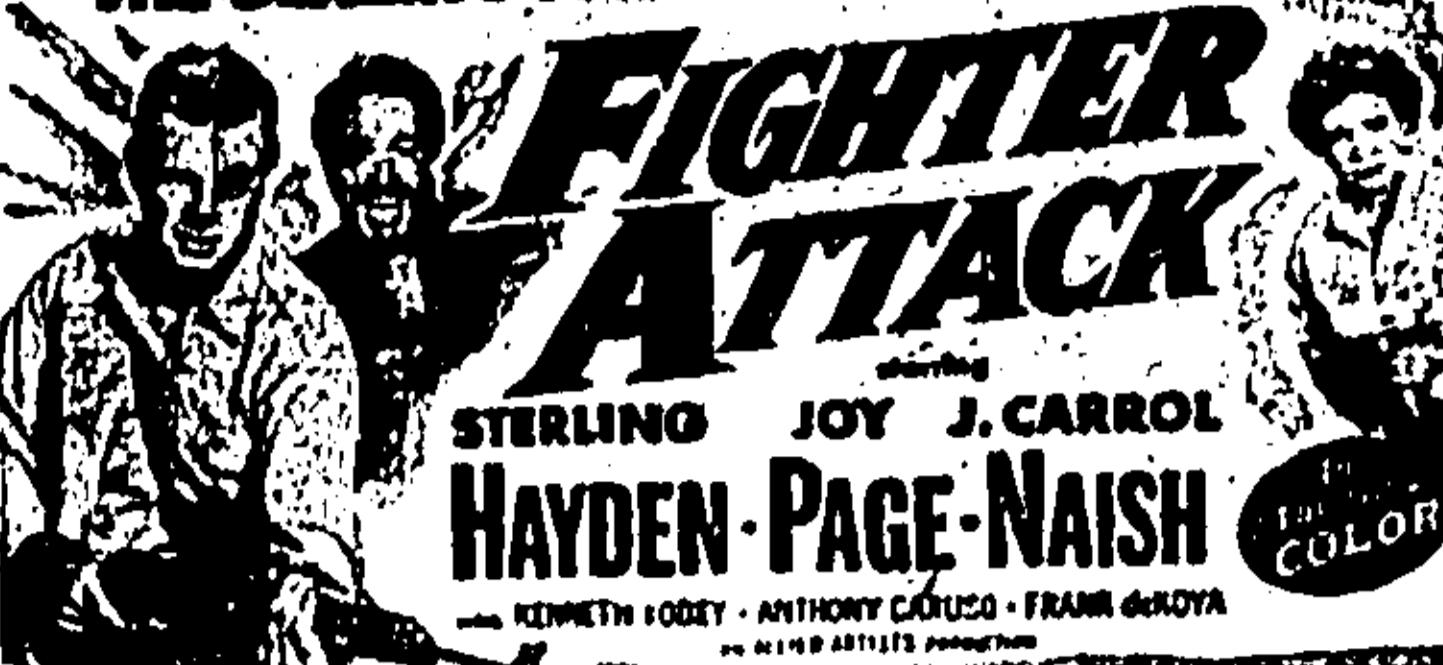
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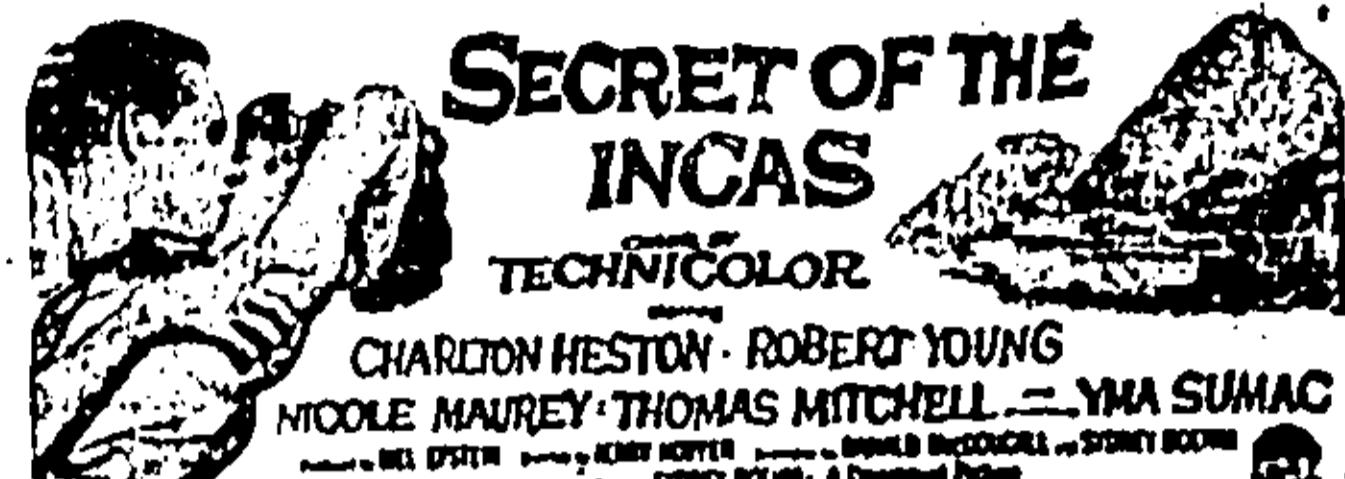
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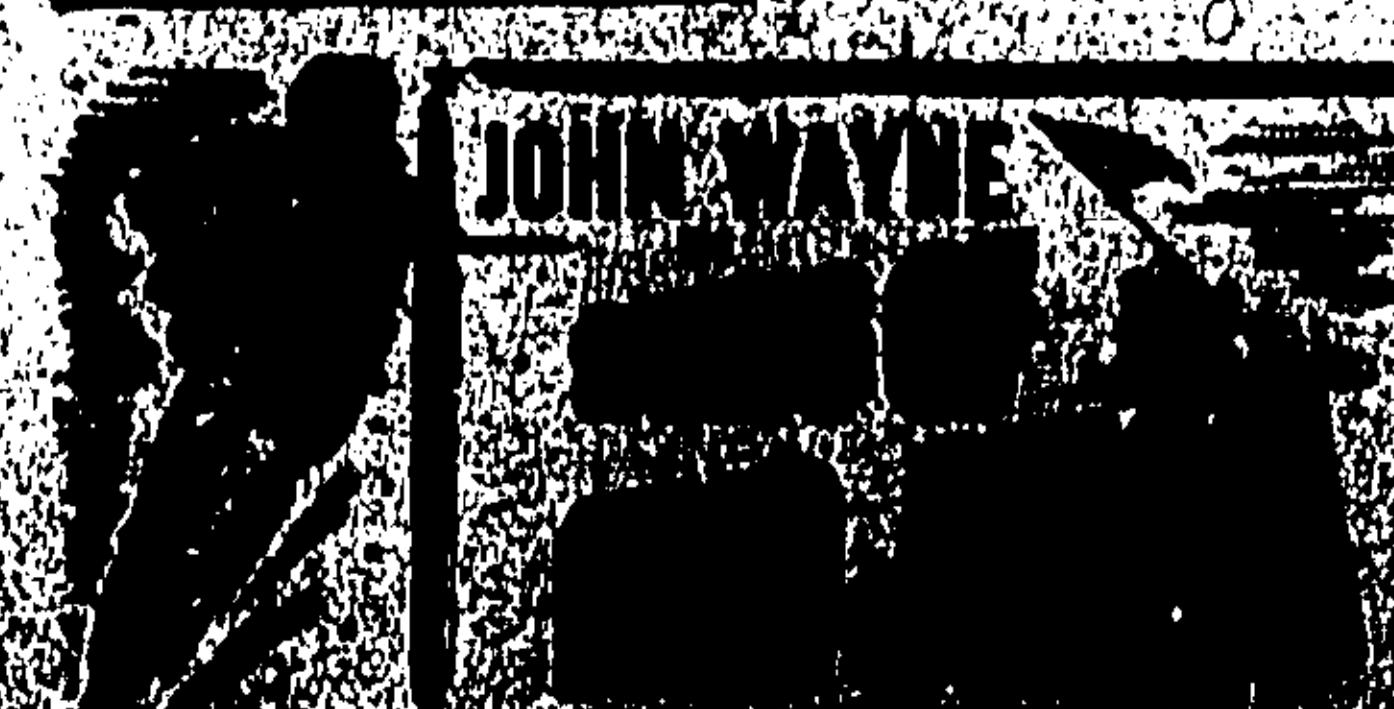
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US accused of black market intentions in South Korea

BITTER DISPUTE OVER CURRENCY

Seoul, Oct. 17.

A United States attempt to break the bitter dispute with the Republic of Korea over oil and money was rebuffed today.

Badly in need of Korean currency, the US offered to sell petroleum from Army supplies to the oil-short Republic, but a high ROK official rejected the offer and accused the US of black market intentions.

The government of President Syngman Rhee cut off the US supply of Whan currency to pay 100,000 Korean employees of US and United Nations units in a dispute over the exchange rate.

It then charged the US "retaliated by cutting off South Korea's petroleum supply even though the Republic did not have enough to last a week."

The office of Economic Coordinator Tyler Wood denied the charge and pointed out that Korea already had used its yearly oil allocations from the Foreign Operations Administration (FOA). Some American officials hinted that the shortage existed because a large part of the FOA-supplied oil was finding its way into the Korean black market.

UNREALISTIC

The US said the official rate was "unrealistic" and that according to the Korean market index—the agreed-to formula—the debt should be repaid at a 25% to one rate. Black market rates currently run as high as 800 Whan to one American dollar.—United Press.

OFFER REJECTED

Gen. John E. Hull, UN and US Far East Commander, attempted to break the deadlock on Sunday by offering to sell Korea oil from US Army stocks in return for the Korea Whan. Won Dong Suk, Director of the ROK Office of Planning, promptly rejected the offer when informed of it by the United Press.

The ROK government has never been notified of this offer," he said. "The US may be intending to sell oil on the open market."

He said the ROK "will not permit such blackmarket dealings which are against the US petroleum agreement that provided all US oil supplies be distributed through the Korea Oil Storage Corporation."

The corporation is a government agency. Won said if the

U.S. Army tries to sell the oil on the open market "the government will take strong measures against such illegal dealings."

The Republic of Korea cut off the US and UN supply of Whan after the US refused to repay advances at the official rate of 180 Whan to 1.

AUSTRIA

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No Foreign Bases In Austria

Vienna, Oct. 17.

The Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Julius Raab, tonight denied reports that talks had been held on the granting of military bases in Austria to foreign powers.

Dr. Raab said that Austria could not grant such bases since "military bases also mean military transport" and the present occupation regime would not be modified at all."

He reaffirmed that Austria could not accept a State Treaty which did not guarantee the complete evacuation of occupation troops.—France-Press.

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HURRICANE HITS CANADA

TO PAINT
THE QUEEN

All-Weather Jet Course

London, Oct. 17. A new all-weather training course has been introduced by the Royal Air Force for jet pilots training with the Middle East Air Force so that they can be kept in constant pitch for duty in any part of the world.

Known as "quick return," the course covers a round 8,000 miles from the Suez Canal Zone to the Transvaal, South Africa, to give pilots additional experience in navigation over varying terrains as well as the behaviour of jet aircraft under different temperature conditions.

Pilots fly through weather representing everything "in the book," according to the Air Ministry. It includes sudden torrential rains, torrid heat, and ground and air frost.

The route is by way of Wadi Halfa, Khartoum, Juba, Eastleigh, Tabora, Ndola and Salisbury to Swartkop and then back again.—China Mail Special.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN INDONESIA

Djakarta, Oct. 18. Tension in Djakarta, capital of Indonesia, reached its climax yesterday when one of the smaller Government supporting parties, Persatuan Indonesia Raya, threatened to withdraw its three ministers from the present coalition if the Cabinet did not resign before October 25.

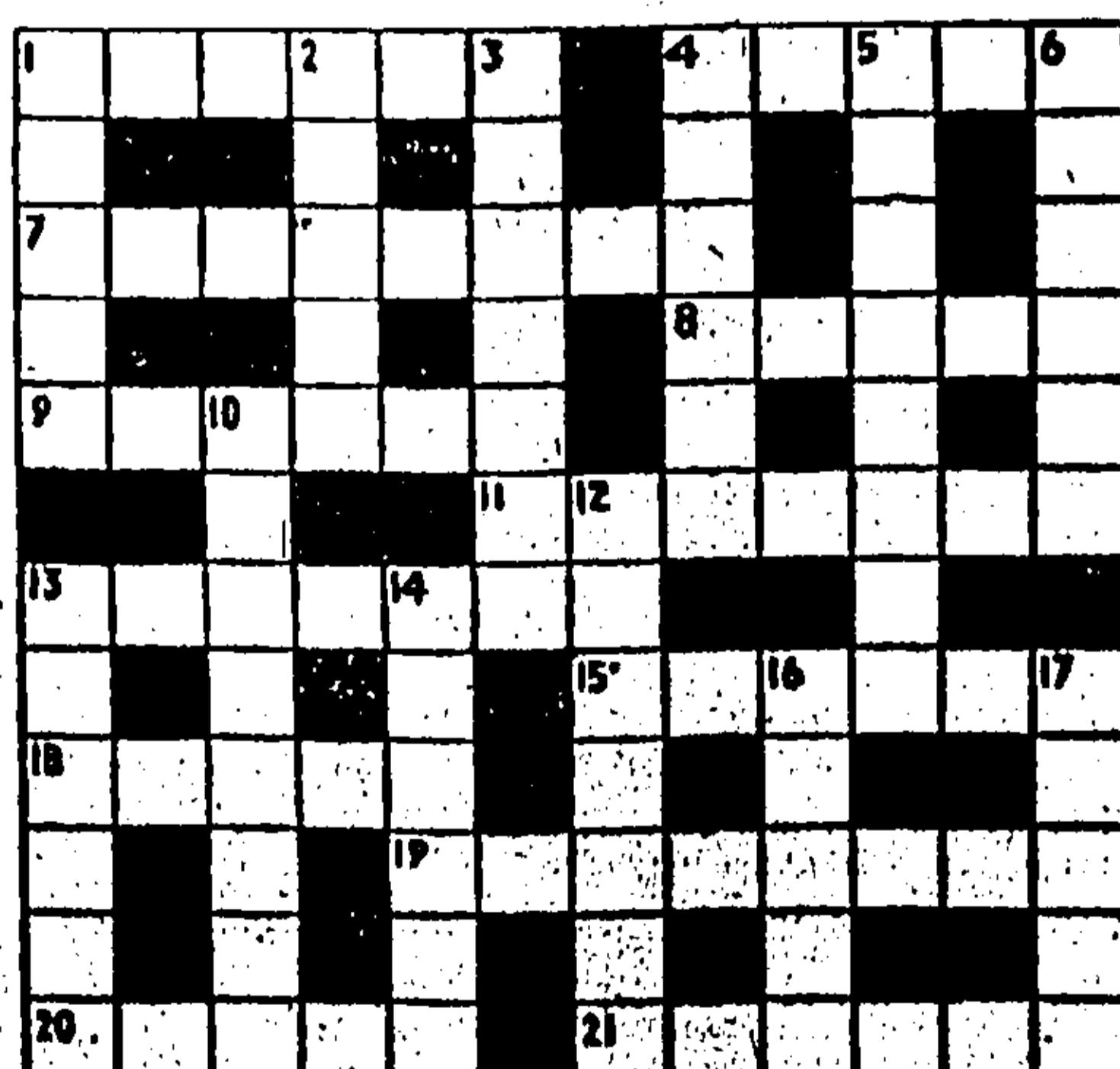
The PIR's decision crowned the long criticisms of the Government's financial and economic policy by some smaller members of the Nationalist Leftist coalition, headed by the former Indonesian Ambassador in Washington, Dr Ali Sastroamidjojo, which came into power in July last year.

The PIR as well as the Islamic Nahdlatul Islami Party, and other Islamic party, the USII, have been blaming the Government's policy for the worsening economic position of the young republic and lately it became known that the PIR in fact had decided in July to accept no responsibility any more for the actions of the most critical ministers.

Yesterday's ultimatum fully broke upon the shuddering crisis. Dr Wongsonoro, who is at the same time President of the PIR's Party Council, and Vice-Prime Minister, stated he thought the Cabinet's crisis was inevitable.

Prime Minister Ali Sastroamidjojo, at this late hour was not available for comment.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Calamitous (6).
- Supports (6).
- Unrestricted (8).
- Horror (6).
- Novel (6).
- Values highly (7).
- Earnest (6).
- Soften (6).
- Bedge (6).
- Building (6).
- Minimized (6).
- Small, lower (6).

SATURDAY CROSSWORD—Last week, 4. Riddance.

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45 Persons Killed In Quebec & Ontario: \$100 Million Damage

BIG TOLL IN TWO AMERICAN STATES

Toronto, Oct. 17. Forty-five people were dead and 25 missing today in Canada after Hurricane "Hazel's" disastrous sweep through Ontario and Quebec.

One unofficial report put the damage in the two provinces at \$100,000,000 (£35,750,000).

Toronto and the surrounding area took the main brunt. The greatest damage was caused by 7.2 inches of rain which fell soon after the hurricane itself had passed over. Federal and Provincial authorities today mobilized every service to provide emergency relief.

Thousands are homeless in the western suburbs of Toronto. Emergency feeding centres were established in flood areas. Navy reservists in whale-boats searched for bodies and army signallers re-established communications. An anti-looting guard was set up.

Two days after the storm only one road link between Toronto's 1,200,000 population and Western Ontario was open to civilian traffic.

Including the confirmed 45 dead in Canada, Hazel's death toll in its course from the South Atlantic was set today at 127.

If the worst fears of the Red Cross and police are realized, the final hurricane toll may be 150 or more, with about half in Ontario province—so far inland that a hurricane is a rare phenomenon.—Reuter.

FEDERAL RELIEF

Washington, Oct. 17. President Eisenhower ordered immediate Federal relief today for areas of North and South Carolina, seriously damaged by Hurricane Hazel. The hurricane stormed into the Northern Canadian wilderness last night, leaving behind at least 114 dead in a 200-mile path of destruction across the eastern United States and Southern Canada.

The President held an emergency meeting with top officials at the White House to authorize "such funds for Federal assistance as are necessary to supplement state and local efforts" in the two states.

The normal procedure is for the President to await reports of damage surveys. But President Eisenhower cut through red tape after receiving urgent appeals for aid from the Governors of the two states. He also directed the Third Army, stationed in Georgia, to give assistance in that area.—Reuter.

Parliamentary Delegation Returns

London, Oct. 17. The British Parliamentary delegation which spent 16 days touring Soviet Russia, arrived here by air today from Stockholm.

Lord Coleraine, leader of the party of 16, said all the evidence they had seen during their tour seemed to indicate that the Soviet Government did not want war.

"They will be careful not to get into the situation which would drag them into war," he added.

But the principal desire of the Soviet Government is to see us disarmed physically and psychologically and I think that if they succeeded in doing that the danger of war would be greater than it is today.

"It seems we have got to combine and respond as far as we can to the new look at the same time maintaining and increasing our political defensive measures."

Lord Coleraine pointed out to reporters that just because "we have travelled a fortnight in the Soviet Union, we have not come back experts on Russia."

Lord Coleraine said it was a "great surprise" to find how friendly the ordinary Russian man and woman were.

STRANGERS

"I got the impression they were very excited to see strangers coming to them from the outside world and it did make a break for them in their normal self-contained lives."

The second impression was that there was no evidence whatever of any discontent with the régime.

"That was no doubt due to the fact that had there been any, they would not have come our way, but would have been in Siberia."

Mr Ness Edwards, a Labour Member, said the delegation were very conscious of the apparent poverty of the very old people, "one of the things that distressed us there."

"Living space is not as good as ours. Wages are lower than ours on the average. Working hours are longer. An eight-hour day for six days a week is the standard."

The delegation consisted of four peers and 12 members of Parliament.—Reuter.

VIENNA, Oct. 17. The severe defeat suffered by the neo-Fascist Independent VDU Party in the province of Salzburg provided the first surprise in today's local Austrian elections.

The party today received less than half the 35,269 votes it won in the general elections of 1953.—France-Presso.

New Head Of Yugoslav Church

Belgrade, Oct. 17. Yugoslavia today has an official central head of the Roman Catholic Church for the first time since its Primate, Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac, was arrested eight years ago, authoritative Catholic sources revealed.

On September 21 the Vatican appointed Dr Franjo Sefer, 49, Cardinal Stepinac's pre-war secretary, later Dean of a Theological Seminary near Zagreb, and recently consecrated a Bishop, to the post of "Archbishop-Coadjutor" of the Zagreb Archdiocese. Cardinal Stepinac remains titular head of the Archdiocese but Dr Sefer has been expressly given full authority as head of the Yugoslav Church, the sources told United Press.

The Yugoslav Church had previously continued to regard the Cardinal as its only top authority, although the Yugoslav State considered that the Church had no central authority because Stepinac was officially prevented from exercising his functions.

COLLABORATION

(Dr Stepinac was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in 1940, on conviction of wartime collaboration, was released to enforced residence in his native village of Krašić, near Zagreb, in December 1951.)

Observers here differed as to the exact meaning of Dr Sefer's appointment, but it was generally regarded as a conciliatory move likely to better the slowly improving but still strained relations between Church and State.

It real meaning will become clearer after the annual bishops' conference, which began on Wednesday in Zagreb in strict secrecy.

Meanwhile Catholic sources reported that the position of the Catholic Church in this Communist state had considerably improved during the past few months.

Only a year ago numerous Catholic Bishops were beaten up during tours of their dioceses, but that campaign ceased completely after Marshal Tito and other leaders publicly condemned it. In the last six months, the sources said, Catholic priests throughout Yugoslavia have reported no incidents at all.—United Press.

Miss World' Contest

London, Oct. 17. Panel of seven judges will tomorrow night elect "the most beautiful girl in the world" from among the beauty queens from 10 countries.

The "queens" will compete in a "Miss World" contest, sponsored by the London Sunday Dispatch to be held at a West End theatre tomorrow.

The countries represented by 10 contestants are: Belgium, Britain, Ceylon, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Ireland, Turkey, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States.

Last night some of the beauty queens appeared in B.B.C. Radio and television programmes.

Today they visited London Airport on a conducted tour of B.O.A.C. Stratocruisers.—Reuter.

But the Czechoslovak Communist Party newspaper, Rude Pravo, has stated: "They will become cultivated, industrious Communist citizens."

USEFUL CITIZENS

The Hungarian Communist newspaper, Szabad Nep, said: "They are being taught to become useful citizens and to channel their energies into productive labour."

Government authorities and police are keeping a close check on their migrations and are compiling national-wide gypsy censuses.

In all Iron Curtain countries, gypsies are working on collective farms. Some are drafted into two-month Communist indoctrination courses, often taught in the gypsies' Romany language by their own people who have become Communists.

In Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria special boarding schools are being set up for gypsy children between the ages of six and 10.

In Poland, a "gypsies' association" has been formed which is carrying out the Government's policy of concentrating the floating gypsy population.

An all-gypsy collective farm has been set up at Klorzki and



At work in his Kensington Studio is the Italian painter, Signor Pietro Annibaldi, who has just arrived in London to paint the Queen a portrait for the Flamingoers' Company. The Queen will go to the studio for 15 sittings.—Central Press Photo.

Profiles Of The New British Cabinet Ministers

London, Oct. 17. The following are profiles of some of the new British Cabinet Ministers:

Mr Harold Macmillan, 60, son of a Scottish father and American mother, has been one of the outstanding successes of the Conservative Government as Minister of Housing and Local Government.

Since he took over Britain's housing drive with growing success, he has been singled as a future leader of the Conservative Party.

Even as a backbencher, Mr Macmillan was always an outstanding personality, a man who always had the respect and understanding of the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill.

Afterwards he emerged as a British representative at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, and as a champion of the new Charter of Human Rights.

He was educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford, and became an officer in the Grenadier Guards. In the First World War, he was wounded three times.

Mr Macmillan started his political career in 1923. The younger Conservative Party members always regarded him as their future champion though older politicians thought him something of a party rebel. But then he acclaimed him as a forthright Conservative who had made a careful study of his Party's background and future.

In 1940, he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply and two years later he became Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Soon afterwards, he was appointed Resident Minister in North Africa and subsequently High Commissioner on the Advisory Council for Italy.

His first major assignment was as President of the Allied Commission for Italy, governing North Africa, Yugoslavia, Italy and the Balkans, including Greece. In May 1946, he became Secretary of State for Air.

Mr Macmillan is fundamentally a shy man who seems to be slightly pompous. But when the reserve is broken down, he appears as a delightfully witty talker with pungent views on people and institutions.

DAVID ECCLES

Fifty-year-old Sir David Eccles has been called Britain's best dressed politician by one leading male dress magazine.

As Minister of Works since the Conservative Government was formed in 1951, Sir David Eccles jumped into prominence as planner of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation pageant.

He brought to the Coronation both his delight in colour and his flair for business efficiency.

Sir David Eccles—knighted for his Coronation work—began his political career 11 years ago when he won a local by-election, but it was not until after the Second World War, while the Conservatives were in opposition, that he was first noticed.

Educated at Winchester and Oxford, he joined the Central Mining and Investment Corporation in a humble position in 1920 and 13 years later was manager of the £4,000,000 business.

During the war, he served as economic advisor to the British Ambassador to Spain and Portugal before entering Parliament.

DUNCAN SANDYS

Mr Duncan Sandys, 40-year-old son-in-law of Sir Winston Churchill, has served as Minister of Supply since the Conservative Government took office in 1951.

In that post, he has been one of the more successful ministers. Government supporters particularly applauded him for piloting through the Commons the law returning the Socialist nationalized iron and steel industry to private hands.

Educated at Eton and Oxford, he came into the public eye with his appointment as Minister of State.

He was one of the principal British delegates to the United Nations General Assembly in Paris in November, 1951 and has since regularly attended Assembly meetings as leader of the British delegation.

ANTHONY NUTTING

Mr Nutting, aged 34, has been in charge of the current talks to complete the agreement between Britain and Egypt on the Suez Canal Zone base.

He has been Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs since 1951. He first became a Member of Parliament in 1946 when he was only 25.

Educated at Eton and Cambridge University, he entered the Army in July, 1939, but was invalidated out of the Service a year later.

For the rest of the war, he held several British Government posts overseas and was Private Secretary to Mr Eden, Foreign Secretary, in 1942.—Reuter.

MAXWELL FRITH

Sir David Maxwell Frith, 54, son of a Scotch schoolmaster, is recognized as one of the best legal brains in the world. His law career began in 1920, when he was admitted to the Inner Temple, and he has since practised in London, New York and elsewhere.

He has been a member of the House of Commons since 1945, and has been a member of the Cabinet since 1951.

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'Stark Lunacy To Keep Troops In Europe'

Pontypridd, Wales, Oct. 17. Mr Richard Crossman, Labour Member of Parliament who supports the leftwing leader, Mr Aneurin Bevan, said here today it was "stark lunacy" to keep 120,000 British troops in Europe "as the price for reviving German militarism."

Mr Crossman, who was assistant head of the Allies psychological warfare division in Europe at the end of the war, said the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, had "surrendered" to the French demand to keep British forces permanently in Europe.

He said two things had happened recently to "upset the predictions made by Mr Herbert Morrison, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, during his visit to the United States."

He said: "Firstly, we are prepared to see a British army permanently stationed in Europe." That "was a complete reversal of the policy of the Labour Government, but no such statement was made by Mr Morrison."

Mr Crossman added: "Secondly, we are prepared to see a British army in Europe."

JORDAN POLLING

London, Oct. 17.

The pro-Government Action Committee, which is

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Here's A Hand For Bridge Sleuths

By OSWALD JACOBY

HORRIBLE bridge crime occurred in today's hand. If you are a good bridge detective you will spot the crime and expose the criminal.

After the bidding shown in the diagram, West opened in the king of clubs. Declarer won immediately in the dummy with the ace of clubs and led the queen of diamonds to force out West's ace.

West cashed the ace of spades, putting the discouraging denouement of spades from his partner. West then led the queen of clubs, winning the third defensive trick.

The defence was now finished. Regardless of what West did, declarer could gain the lead, draw all of the trumps, and would then have tricks to burn.

If you have kept your eye in the right direction, you have surely spotted the crime and the criminal. Make this decision for yourself before you read on.

No crime was committed in the play of the cards. West took the only three tricks that

NORTH	12		
♦ K J 8 4			
♥ Q J 3			
♦ Q 6			
♦ A J 9 5			
WEST	10		
♦ A 3	10 7 5 2		
♦ 7 0	8 4 2		
♦ A 10 3	9 8 4 3		
♦ K Q 10 8 6 3	7		
SOUTH (D)			
♦ Q 9			
♦ A K 10 9 3			
♦ K J 7 2			
♦ 4 2			
East-West vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♠	2 N T	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ K			

the defence could get, and South played the hand completely, making his contract.

The crime took place in the bidding. West can hardly be blamed for overcalling with a bid of two clubs since his hand is exceptionally good. North could and should be blamed, however, for bidding two no-trump. He should have doubled two clubs for penalties.

North could confidently expect to win three trump tricks and perhaps two or three tricks in the side suits. These tricks, combined with those that were promised by South's opening bid, would be ample to defeat the contract of two clubs.

Correct defence would have held West to three trump tricks and his two side aces. The penalty would have come to 800 points, far more than the value of the game to North and South. In a bridge sense, it's a crime to let an opponent get away cheaply with an overcall that should be taken to the cleaners. The biggest score in bridge come from doubling the opponents at bad contracts, and a player who misses such opportunities to double is a bridge criminal.

CRD Sense

—The bidding has been:

South West North East
1 Diamond Pass 2 Spades Pass

You, South, hold: Spades 6-2, Hearts K-9, Diamonds A-J-8-5, Clubs K-Q-3-2. What do you do?

A-Bid two no-trump. You have a minimum opening bid, and the rebid in no-trump is most likely to slow your partner down. This is no time to be showing your clubs or rebidding the diamonds. The rebid in no-trump is quite adequate to describe your hand.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-2, Hearts K-9, Diamonds A-J-8-5, Clubs K-Q-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

A NOTE about a family which has lived in "an Elizabethan manor for more centuries than it can count" suggests to me that the family lacked (a) an historian, (b) a mathematician.

It also recalled to me James Murray Allison's story of the Englishman who was boasting of his ancestral home to an American. When the boaster had got as far back as the Norman Conquest, which had deprived his family of their estates, the American said: "My people were around long before that time. We had a castle and a lot of land, but they were snatched from us by the Druids."

For recitation at parties

Twas a night of June in Basing-stoke,
And the rain ran swift in the gutters,
And a wandering wind in Gasworks Road
Banged all the broken shutters.

Hush! From the creaking laundry gate
A large, red face peeped forth;
And a loud voice filled the sudden street:

"My kingdom for a horse!
Thith thith Thir Thidney's evening shirt,
Which he must have thith night,

To danceth at the Chamber of Commerce Ball!"

Thus the laundress told her plight,
My sister was eating weeds near by;

Little Bo-Peep

"DAD-DY, my pa-pa says that the in-corp-or-a-tion of a Ger-man Ar-my in the Euro-pe-an Ar-my was the on-ly way to con-trol the Ger-mans."

"That is true, boy."

"But under E.D.C. they would have been free to walk out when they wan-tened, hav-ing got their Ar-my and their arms. So there would have been no con-trol, real-ly, would there?"

"Well, boy, you see—the er-

—it—the—oh, go to sleep!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

BORN today, you have one of those outgoing personalities with the kind of charm and magnetic attraction which bring success to whom you direct your efforts. Since, at one time or another, you have been taken in by those who try to datter you, it is possible that you will be a bit of a stand-off attitude. This exterior reserve is unnatural. You should remain true to your basic character—just being a little careful that your selection of your close friends is a wise one.

You have a keen mind which is sometimes ahead of your own age. Future, at present, do not exist. You might easily become an innovator if you will only develop that experimental and inventive side of your nature. Rather bookish, you will be a fine student, and probably stand well toward the top of your class. You will be a good student, especially with schoolwork, but you enjoy with schooling, either, for you have the kind

of a mind which is always learning something new as you go along through life. Both good and bad, seems to come in alternating cycles. Your best day is probably Tuesday. You intuition are good, but you should never let your dreams may be uncommonly vivid and you would do well to learn to interpret them as they probably have a definite meaning. You will be inclined to wed rather later on in life.

Among those who were born on this date are: Janine Tavello Adams, actress; Natalie Maines, actress; Hunt Jackson and Struthers Burt, authors; Hosen Ballou, first president of Tufts; Charles Scribner, publisher; and Sidney Kingday, playwright.

Look what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birth day star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—The romance in your life will probably be the one redeeming feature of the day. All else, a little at odds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Personal affairs go along well enough but be cautious in your business contacts with casual acquaintances.

SCORPARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If someone has been frustrating a romance, this is the day when all opposition seems to disappear. Be happy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Things should be calm and serene on the domestic front. Loved ones bring exceptional joy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Morning hours are the best for most activities. Guard your health when afternoon and evening come.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Things go along well enough if you will just watch out. Guard against the unexpected hazard. Take care of your health.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Mark time, your business and other interests and concentrate on romance which is fine!

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 18)—This is not the day to be too adventurous. Be conservative in all your business operations at this juncture.

GEMINI (May 19-June 21)—While personal affairs go excellently, be warned against major business ventures outside the home.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Everything seems to be at a standstill. Don't force issues. Romantic interest are the exception. They're excellent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—This just isn't your day, for anything, so play safe and lie low. Don't press for a decision. Wait.

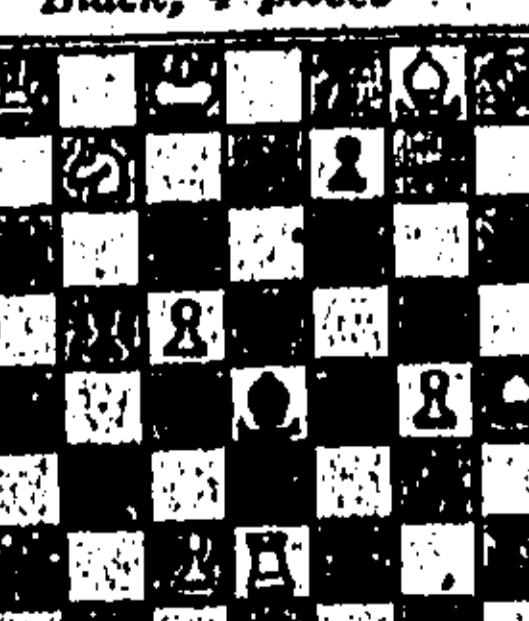
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Caution is indicated in all efforts except those having to do with affairs of the heart. They're all right now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—This is just your day, for anything, so play safe and lie low. Don't press for a decision. Wait.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—"Tag? Oh, of course!" exclaimed Knarf.

CHESS PROBLEM

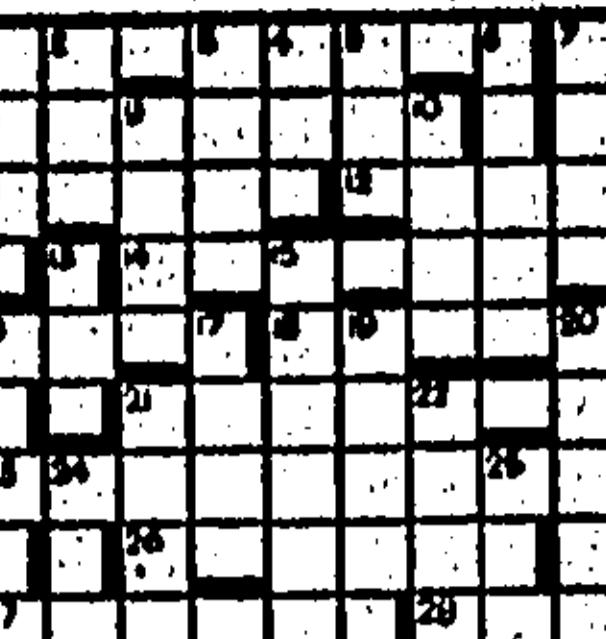
By D. HILLIE
Black, 4 pieces



White, 11 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.
Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. R x K P (ch)
2. P x K P (ch)
3. K x K P (ch)
4. K x K P (ch)
5. K x K P (ch)

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Hail rends an anagram. (8)
6. Cargo loaded like the point of a bow. (7)
11. Oddly enough, you sit here. (8)
12. Songs that go with grace? (4)
13. Bands run, sometimes. (4)
14. Address to writing instruments. (8)
15. Capital I sit in the little department. (7)
21. Hooper wove a bit of a mixture. (8)
22. White one is sometimes regarded as a badge. (6)
23. "One piece, but—, one her Flavour of energy? (8)

Down
1. Listen in days of old. (4)
2. Get the lettuce from the garden. (8)
3. Shropshire one was celebrated. (9)
4. Time in the resonant. (8)
5. All of Scylla. (6)
7. By-word at bridge. (4)
8. Take it from the Barbican. (10)
9. The beginning of a director. (4)
13. This implies a fall from a height. (8)
14. Supplied air to good if you like. (8)
17. Nothing at all. (4)
19. Saturday gambol. (8)
20. The gambols for instance. (8)
21. Hit it. (4)
22. Barter attached. (8)
23. Vehicle. (8)
24. Vehicle. (8)
25. Before you get in a beret. (8)
Saturday's solution. (3w)

WOMANSENSE

AN H-LINE MODEL



French Stew Served With Savoury Biscuits

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"WHETHER it is a goulash, Irish stew, or a French ragout, it can be the centre of a hearty meal," announced the Chef. "Success depends on the way the dish is prepared. Long, slow cooking is essential unless it is pressure-cooked, which can be done in one-fourth the time."

"That's an important point. Chef. Many of the millions of homemakers now holding jobs buy mostly high-priced steaks and chops instead of the moderate-priced beef now on the market, because they don't remember that their pressure-cookers can be used for the quick preparation of all sorts of stews and braised meats.

COOK AHEAD

"Or if one doesn't own a pressure-cooker, the dish can be prepared the evening before, ready to reheat the next day. Once put together, these dishes can cook themselves, while you read, sew or play scrabble or cards."

"One of the important points that should be kept in mind, Madame, is to use enough onion, especially in making a goulash. A trace of garlic, or herbs for seasoning add interest and appetite appeal."

"A good Irish stew should not be so watery that it must be served in soup plates; it should be made of beef and vegetables cut in large enough pieces and combined in a nice gravy to serve on deep plates."

"As for the ragout, or French stew, I make it with plenty of vegetables, and serve American style topped with your savoury biscuits, Madame, which I like very much."

DINNER

Sardines on Lettuce Ragout of Beef with Savoury Biscuits Brussels Sprouts
Pork Floating Island Coffee The Milk All measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve 4 to 6

While preparing a recipe, tape the recipe file card to your cupboard door where it is within easy reading range, but away from any possible chance of splatter.

The correct way to wash plastic dishpans and trays is to use "dry" soaps. Wrap up a lot of soap with very little water until the suds stand up stiff, then dab some on a clean cloth or sponge, and go over the soiled surface. Wipe quickly with a damp-dry flannel cloth, then with a dry cloth. Wash off the slightest smudge as it appears, and these accessories will always be clean.

When preparing a recipe, tape the recipe file card to your cupboard door where it is within easy reading range, but away from any possible chance of splatter.

—Reuter Photo.

Emphasizing the new H-line is this coat and two-piece ensemble, in contrasting shades of grey, created by Jacques Fath. The coat, which has an outer sailor collar in fur, is of light grey wool, while the two-piece is in gunmetal jersey.

Mr. Punch's head was sticking out a teakettle spout.

"Well, well, well," said Mr. Punch. "How extraordinary!"

"It's an old game," said Mr. Punch.

"H'mm," said Mr. Punch.

"Fortunately I spent the rest of the morning inventing some other, some brand new and never-before-heard-of... games.

I invented Marbles."

"It's been invented," said Mr. Punch.

"Jack's?"

"It's been invented," said Mr. Punch.

"Roller Skates, Rope Jumping, Kite Flying?"

"No—they've all been invented, too!"

Mr. Punch sighed as he rose from his chair.

"Where are you going, Mr. Punch?"

"Back to the teakettle," said Mr. Punch.

"And this time I'm really going to invent something new... like... Baseball."

Knarf felt too sorry to tell Mr. Punch that that game was already invented, too!

"Anything odd about that?"

"I'd like to know what games you're inventing, Mr. Punch."

"I'm calling it Hide-And-Seek," replied Mr. Punch.

"A good name, isn't it? I'm sure all the children will like it."

Knarf looked at Mr. Punch.

"Mr. Punch?"

National Hunt Committee Remove An Old Punters' Grievance

London, Oct. 17.

Chasing enthusiasts noted with great approval an announcement in this week's Racing Calendar that, as from January 1, a horse disqualified from first place in a steeplechase or hurdle event need no longer automatically be eliminated from the first three.

The National Hunt Committee announcement says that after the New Year a horse may be disqualified altogether or relegated to second or third place. If the horse is placed second or third, then the each-way backers of the horse will retrieve something of their losses. Hitherto they lost the lot.

In future, if the Stewards are satisfied that interference is accidental they may at their discretion alter the placings of the first four horses.

The new rule means that for the first time there is a radical difference in the rules for flat racing and the Jockey Club making steeplechasing under the National Hunt Committee for there is nothing to suggest that the Jockey Club intend to follow the rules of interference of their colleagues on the National Hunt Committee.

Punters have various grievances against the rules of these two Committees. Two of them which have been outstanding and continually aired are the rules regarding disqualification and the rule that two or more horses competing for the same owner can run in merit.

They point out that in France and other countries too the Stewards may place a disqualification horse second or third under both codes of racing, and that if an owner runs two or more horses, it does not matter which one wins from a betting

point of view for the waging is on the stable and not on the individual horse.

The National Hunt stewards have now removed one of these grievances, but the punter is awaiting the Jockey Club making a similar move and for both codes to adopt the French system over horses in the same ownership.

CLEARER PICTURE

It has to be admitted that the Stewards at chasing meetings have a much clearer picture of how the rules have been transgressed than do the Stewards at flat racing meetings. It is much easier for them to judge whether a horse should be disqualified altogether or given a place.

Supposing two horses came over the last jump together ahead of the field and accidentally bump or cross either at the jump or run then it is manifestly unfair that the one that passes the post first should be relegated to the also rans.

It is not such an easy matter in a flat race because the culprit may have interfered with several other horses with a good chance of winning or getting placed. Though there must also be times when it is clearly unfair for the "winner" to be placed last. Thus the backer and owner and trainer too believe that the Jockey Club should also alter their rule.

After all, they need not generally change their present methods of placing the horse last, but it does give them the option of placing it if they really feel it should be placed.

In France the Stewards treat each case strictly on its merit. There seems no reason why the British Stewards should not do the same. There is yet no apparent move on the part of the Stewards of either code to alter their rules on the running of horses in the same ownership.

Only recently at Newmarket in the Oaks, Marcel Boussac ran two horses, the 20 to 1 Phariseen and the 5 to 4 favourite

the ball close and preferred to kick rather than pass.

Wingers Howard Micholls and Derek Murphy got tries for Cardiff in the first half and Prosser Harries replied for Swansea with a penalty goal. Gordon Wells got Cardiff's third try in the second half, and John Llewellyn added the goal points as well as a penalty goal.

Ken Jones, Welsh international wing three-quarter, is still a force to be reckoned with. Playing for Newport against Gloucester, he registered two brilliant tries in helping his side win 10-0.

R. I. Harrison, the Harlequins forward, who has shown such remarkable form as goalkicker this season, brought his total of points in five matches to 54 when helping his club beat the London Irish 15-11.

Bristol, who have not won at Bath for 17 years, were beaten on that ground once more. Bath winning 5-3 with a stronger defence.

Oxford University opened their fixtures with a satisfactory 0-0 draw against Richmond. Richmond were without D. Forthgill, who fractured a collarbone, for most of the second half.

Newcomers to shine for the University were W. M. Butcher, centre, M. J. Smith, the cricket Blue, at Standoff half, and P. Robbins and J. Summers among the forwards.

RESULTS

Rugby League

Dale 6, Huddersfield 6; Blackpool 4,

Bellevue R. 7, Bradford N. 6;

Bray 14, Castleford 11;

Bramley 11, Doncaster 22; Swinton

14; Huddersfield 28, York 22; Hull 9;

Keighley 11, Bradford 13; Huddersfield

3; Linton 11; Kirkham 3; Liverpool

3; Warrington 8; Rochdale 11; Oldham 18; Salford 8; St. Helens 10;

Oakfield 10; St. Helens 10; Droylsden 10; Warrington 10; Widnes 10;

Rugby Union

Blackpool 6, London Scottish 6;

Harrow 11, London Welsh 11; London

Welsh 11; Llanelli 14; Old Alfreton

18; United Services Chatham 9; Old

Cradley 10; Oldham 11; Old Merton

12; Old Mill 13; Bath 3; Bristol 3;

Bedford 5; Gains Hospital 6; Birkenhead Park 5; Dublin Wanderers 3;

Cambridge 10; Bognor Regis 4;

Bolton 10; Bognor Regis 4;

Brentwood 3; Bury Vale 3;

Bective Rangers 3; Chester 3;

Northampton 3; North 8; Cross 10;

Newport 10; Gloucester 10; North

7; Redruth 3; Shrewsbury 3; Old Merton

7; Torquay Athletic 3;

Somerset Police 1; United Services

3; Watford 4; Wellingborough 3; Weston

Super. Marc 6; Abingdon 6; Reading

10; Wimborne 10; Wimborne 10;

Worcester 10; Wimborne 10;

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In the last Overland issue we hinted at the intention of the British and American authorities to put down piracy in the river with the strong hand; but as usual, their threats have turned out mere blusterings, without any real intention apparently of stirring one step out of their humdrum routine. Here are the Notification and Proclamation issued by the respective plenipotentiaries, the only difference being the declaration of entire neutrality between the Imperialists and Triads, contained in that of the U.S. Commissioner; and if our readers can discover anything in either beyond the usual official phraseology, we acknowledge they surpass us in penetration.

The copy of the first, as furnished to us, is without signature, but bore, we believe, that of Mr. D. B. Robertson.

Our weekly lists of pirates will explain the state of the surrounding waters, and the necessity for more active measures than either party seems inclined to adopt:

NOTIFICATION

Whereas sundry interruptions to the free and safe transit of foreign vessels and boats on the Canton river have lately taken place, and special measures have been communicated to H.E. [sic] His Excellency—H.E. [sic] has directed me to announce that if any boat, junk, or ship should be found to be carrying any vessel or boat bearing and entitled to bear the British flag, or in which British persons or property shall be found, the same shall be treated as a pirate; and H.M. ships of war will be instructed to give full effect to this Notification.

Canton, September 22nd, 1854.

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PROCLAMATION

Whereas, in the present disturbed state of the Canton river, the property of American citizens here is greatly exposed in going to and from this city; and whereas the authorities of the United States have found it necessary to place vessels of war in the Canton river for the protection of American citizens at Canton, and for conducting their commercial business at this city, and thence to the anchorage of the ships of commerce at Whampoa (near Canton) and where this act on the part of the authorities of the United States has not been properly understood or appreciated, and while innumerable difficulties are circumscribed in the "purposes and object" of the authorities of the United States in disposing of the naval force in the river, and where on occasions occur when disorders are permitted to involve the safety and security, and commercial rights of American citizens, and where this proclamation is issued to notify all concerned that the ships of war of the United States of America now situated in the Canton river are there for the sole object of protecting the lives and property of American citizens, and that any assault on, or seizure of, American citizens in their just rights as secured by Treaty, come from whatever quarter, will be summarily chastised. The Chinese have everywhere manifested their honourable fidelity to existing treaty obligations, avoiding all interference with the internal tranquillity of the Chinese Empire; and that neutrality shall be adhered to in the strictest manner, and no power shall demand another policy.

ROBERT M. MC LAINE,
Com. of the U.S. Navy
in China.

10 APPEALS DISMISSED

Ten appeals, some against conviction and others against sentence, were dismissed by Mr. Justice J. Reynolds in the Criminal Appeal Court this morning.

None of the appellants was legally represented, and Mr. D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown.

Ng Wing, who appealed against a sentence of six months' hard labour for larceny, said he wanted a reduction in his term so that he could take up an entry permit to China which he was expecting shortly. He said that if he had to serve his full sentence, he would miss the opportunity of entering China.

His Lordship asked whether appellant was a bananier. Appellant said he was, but added that bananiers could not enter China without holding a permit of entry. Each time he was sent to the border by the Hongkong authorities, the military "on the other side" forced him to return. He admitted he had eight previous convictions. The appeal was dismissed.

13 CONVICTIONS

Looking no more than 17 years of age, but with a record of 13 previous convictions, including five for larceny, Chan Man-chai appealed against his conviction for shop-breaking and larceny, for which he had been sentenced to eight months' hard labour.

Appellant claimed he was forced to commit the offence in order to raise money to return to the country.

His Lordship, pointing to appellant's bad record and the fact that he was also a returned bananier, said that under the circumstances it could not be said the sentence was manifestly excessive or unfair, and dismissed the appeal.

Law Ying-cheung, who appealed against sentences totalling 15 months' hard labour for simple larceny, and possession of a house-breaking instrument, claimed he lost all his possessions in a Kowloon squatter fire and was induced to commit the theft in order to raise money to return to the country. He asked for a reduction of sentence and said if this was granted he would go to China and never return to Hongkong.

Mr Justice Reynolds: You can do that after you come out of gaol. Your appeal is dismissed.

An appeal by So Chi-shan against a sentence of three years' hard labour passed on him on three charges of house-breaking and larceny was also dismissed. He said he had relatives dependent upon him for support and he was also suffering from an injury.

Mr. Rea informed the Court that appellant had been treated in hospital and had recovered from the injury.

His Lordship observed that the appellant had five previous convictions and said that in view of the seriousness of the offences and the appellant's long criminal record he did not think the sentence was manifestly excessive or unfair. He ordered the sentence to date from July 6.

A claim that he had been falsely accused of stealing by two people was put forward by Chan Ming in his appeal against a sentence of six months' hard labour for larceny.

Wong Wai-ning appealed against his conviction for being a suspected person found loitering and assault occasioning actual bodily harm. He had been sentenced to a total of seven months' hard labour on these two counts.

Appellant claimed he was looking for a friend when the Police arrested him. He denied he had assaulted the complainant, saying that the latter had run into a wall and had hurt his Lordship.

His Lordship remarked that from the record the appellant had made the same case before the magistrate, who had properly convicted him. He dismissed the appeal, but ordered that sentence be dated from August 19.

Ma Hok-lam also appealed against his conviction for larceny from the person, for which he had been sentenced to nine months' hard labour and six strokes of the cane.

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His Lordship said the evidence pointed to appellant being the person who had snatched a jade bangle from a child carried by its mother. He dismissed the appeal.

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SUEZ AGREEMENT THIS WEEK?

Cairo, Oct. 18. Mr. Anthony Nutting, British Foreign Under-Secretary, resumes talks here today with Egyptian leaders on final details of an Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal zone.

He met Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, for three hours yesterday and held a two-hour meeting with Dr. Mahmoud Fawzy, the Egyptian Foreign Minister.

The agreement on the evacuation of British troops was expected to be signed early this weekend. But observers said after the talks yesterday that it was not likely to be signed now until late in the week.

Mr. Nutting and the Egyptian leaders mainly discussed accommodation to be occupied by 800 British technicians who will operate installations in the Canal zone after the military withdraws.

They confirmed earlier reports that both sides will sign the agreement for seven years, reviewing the position in the final year.

Unless new circumstances prevail, the agreement will end as stated. British civilians may have to evacuate remaining British installations, these sources said.

Al Gomhouria, influential Egyptian newspaper, said yesterday that Egypt will receive Royal Air Force, port and military installations worth more than £23 million under the agreement.—Reuters.

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Reliable British sources disclosed yesterday that the 80,000 troops in the zone will be evacuated in five stages spread over 20 months from the date of the agreement being signed.

These sources said 22 per cent of troops would be withdrawn.

SEVEN YEAR PACT

Within four months, 35 per cent after four months, 54 per cent by the end of a year and 75 per cent after 18 months. The remaining 25 per cent will pull out in the following four months.

The arrests were ordered by Royal Decree against "authors and instigators of a plot against the regime."

The son of the Libyan Crown Prince, Prince Rida El Genousi, is among the six persons arrested under the decree, most of them young members of the Royal family.

The seventh accused, Ahmed Mohamed, a nephew of the Queen of Libya, brother of young Emir Mohamed, the murderer of Prince Ibrahim Chalhi, is understood to be at the Libya Embassy in London. His immediate return to Libya has been ordered. His brother has been ordered.

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Nationalists Have 'A Right To Invade China'

New York, Oct. 17. The Chinese Nationalists have a "right" to invade the Communist mainland any time they please, regardless of what any other country advises, the Nationalist Foreign Minister Dr. Yeh said today.

"From our point, it still belongs to us," he said. "We have the right to go back any time we want."

Dr. Yeh said the situation was like that of a man going back into his own house after it had been taken over by thugs or bandits. "When a man wants to go back into his house, no one can stop him," he said.

He denied the possibility of a Nationalist invasion of the mainland, under questioning during an appearance on NBC's "The American Forum" television show.

He said that United States military aid to China would stop if the Nationalists were to use any American weapons for aggression, but an invasion of the mainland "would not constitute aggression on our part."

RUSSIANS WILL NOT ENTER

"We have the right to mount an invasion any time we choose to," he said. "It depends on the military factor. If we are strong enough without United States aid, we can go on mounting one. Otherwise we can't."

He said that if the Chinese Communists were attacked, he did not think the Russians would enter the fighting.

"They do not like to fight their own wars," he said, "but prefer to have someone else do it for them."

He said he doubted whether the Russians would become involved in the fighting even if the United States were to enter it. But he added that the

Nationalists Chinese regard the situation as "our job. It's our problem."

If there was any threat to peace in the Far East, it came solely from the Communists.

The very existence of the Communists in China attested to their aggression on the mainland, he said.—United Press.

3,000 Flee From U.S. Floods

Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 17. Flood waters washed a wave of death and destruction from Western Pennsylvania through Wheeling and into the Upper Ohio River Valley today, forcing more than 3,000 persons to flee from their homes.

One man was reported missing as the surging Ohio, fed by the rain-swollen Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, reached a crest of 44.7 feet, nearly 30 feet

above normal.

The swirling waters inundated about two-thirds of Wheeling Island and poured into hundreds of homes in low-lying South Wheeling and neighbouring South Wheeling and Ohio towns.

Numerous riverside homes and some Wheeling business establishments were without central heating because of flooded basements.

FALLEN OVERBOARD

The missing man was identified as David Hall, of West Wheeling, Ohio, a night watchman aboard a Buckeye Sand and Supply Company derrick boat at Bellaire, Ohio. The boat feared he may have fallen overboard after reporting for work last night.

Thirteen deaths in Western Pennsylvania were attributed to flash floods and Friday's driving daylight rains.

The search for the men who overpowered two guards failed to uncover any trace of their whereabouts in the vicinity of the State Mental Hospital, about six miles from here.

Three of the fugitives were considered "highly dangerous" and one of them has a "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde personality," the hospital said. Another was charged with the brutal beating and murder of a man at a lonely fishing camp and the third was accused of killing his mother because she refused him money to buy narcotics.

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